

PRAYER REQUESTS

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WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG & GOD IS SMALL

Study Guide: Chapter 3 - "People Will Reject Me"

1. Fearing man is not a modern problem? In 1 Samuel 15:24 what reason did Saul cite for disobeying God? What was the result of Saul's disobedience? (38)

2. According to the Author when would it be more difficult for a Christian to choose Jesus: when given the choice between "Jesus and death" or "Jesus and years of being unpopular?" (39) Why?

"PEER PRESSURE" AND THE PRAISE OF GOD

3. In John 5:44, why did Jesus criticize the Pharisees? How did Jesus stand in contrast to the Pharisees? (40)

4. What was Paul able to do because he was a people-lover instead of a people pleaser? (41)

5. According to Gal 1:10, if we are trying to please men what can we not be? (41)

PETER'S BATTLE WITH THE FEAR OF MAN

6. What kind of personality did Peter have? How does this type of personality also struggle with the fear of man? (42)
7. What was the first biblical example of Peter's struggle? How did it play out? (42-43)
8. What was the second biblical example of Peter's struggle? (43-44) Was he alone in his error this time? (44)
9. What words did God inspire through Peter later in his ministry that show us how Peter learned to overcome this battle? (44)

PEOPLE — OUR IDOL OF CHOICE

10. Why do people not deserve our worship? Why do we worship them? (45)

11. When we choose to seek blessing and satisfaction in an idol what do we ultimately seek? What is that the height of? (45)

12. As in all idolatry, what happens when we begin to worship people instead of God? (46)

***Big Idea:** When we choose to fear man, we replace God with a created being who cannot truly save or help us.*